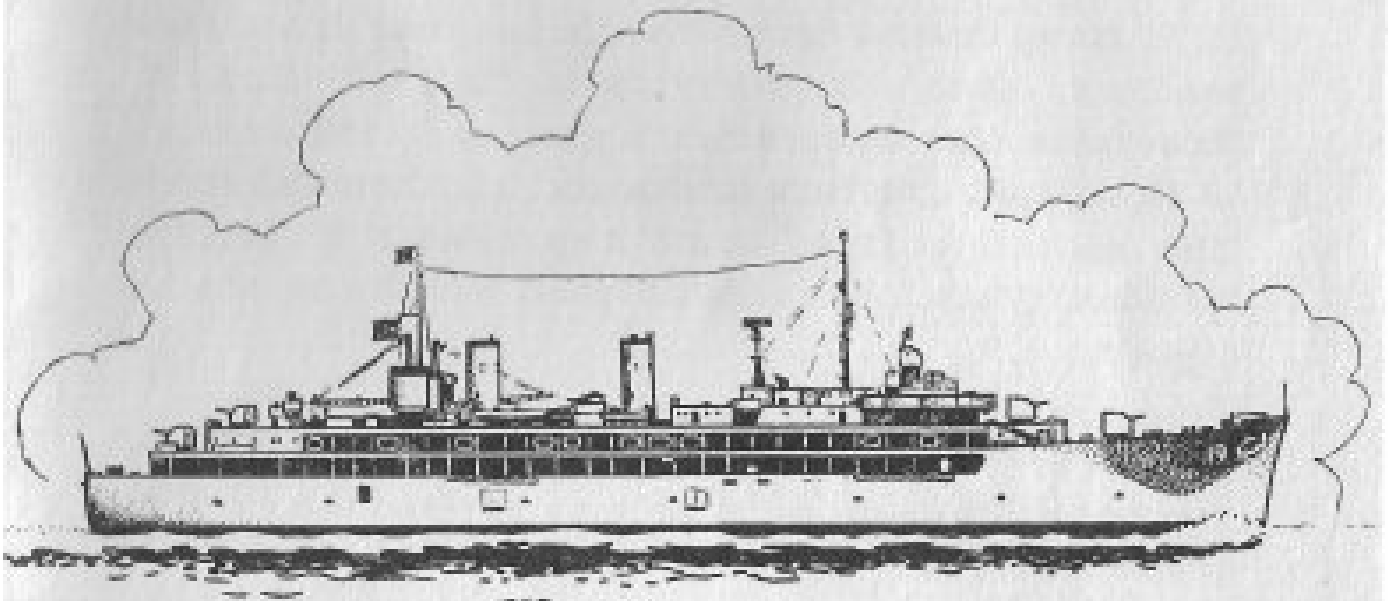


**U.S.S. YOSEMITE
(AD-19)**



Flagship

**COMMANDER DESTROYER FORCE
U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET**



Welcome aboard!

You may want to know something about our ship, and the job she does in helping the U. S. Navy defend America. Like other destroyer tenders, which the Navy calls "AD's", U. S. S. Yosemite was named for a geographical area -- in this case, California's beautiful National Park. The mountain lion which represents Yosemite National Park also was adopted for the ship's insignia.

Perhaps it would not mean much to you if we said that the Yosemite is more than 10,000 gross tons, or that she is 530 feet overall in length. You may get a clearer picture of her if you visualize a floating community of more than a thousand persons.

That's the Yosemite. Each of the thousand persons who call her home is either already a skilled worker, or is learning a trade. Aboard ship you can find everything from a pants pressing emporium to a shop that does the finest precision work on optical instruments, or one that could rebuild your television set. The Yosemite's main job is to provide services and repairs to more than a hundred destroyers in the Destroyer Force, Atlantic Fleet. Below decks are major

machine and carpentry shops, a foundry, supply storerooms, offices necessary to the administration of thousands of personnel, and many other facilities. The ship has its own library, barber shop, and soda fountain, and normally shows two separate full-length motion picture features each evening.

Her importance in wartime was proved during a five months stay at Pearl Harbor, before steaming on to the western Pacific. In that time she effected repairs to 216 ships, of which 126 were tied up alongside the Yosemite. At Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands, a short time later, she repaired sixteen destroyers in five days, and then sailed for Ulithi Atoll in the Caroline Islands.

The Yosemite arrived at Ulithi on March 3, 1945, when the vast Pacific Fleet was getting ready for the Okinawa campaign. It was her job to keep the destroyers in fighting trim, and now came the busiest month in her history. In the next thirty days, she tended 73 destroyers, with a total of 1689 work requests. In addition, sixty destroyers and destroyer escorts were provisioned in twenty days -- a task that required the complete reloading of the Yosemite three times.

She was then not quite a year old, having been commissioned on May 25, 1944, at Tampa, Florida. August of 1945 found her in the Philippines, and in September she reached Okinawa

and went on to Sasebo, Kyushu Island, Japan. She is equipped to fight, as well as to keep the destroyers fighting, but she did not participate in any naval engagements in World War II.

In active service since her commissioning, the Yosemite now carries an extra group of officers and men, and proudly flies a two starred blue flag. Since her return to the United States after the war, she has been flagship of the Commander Destroyer Force, Atlantic Fleet.



